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SUBJECT: SWISS OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCES FOR USAF AIRCRAFT

REF: A) STATE 27803; B) BERN A-225, JULY 25, 1974

1. FRENCH TEXT AND ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF LETTER FROM DIRECTOR, SWISS FEDERAL AIR OFFICE, DATED MAY 7, 1974, AND COPY OF REPLY SIGNED BY EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE, DATED JULY 24, 1974, FORWARDED DEPARTMENT WITH REF B. SEE ALSO USDAO BERN LETTERS C-119/74/160 DATED 5 APRIL 1974, AND C-164/74/160 DATED 8 MAY 1974, TO CHIEF OF STAFF AIR FORCE, ATT: XOX, COPIES SENT DEPARTMENT OF STATE. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF EXCHANGE SENT EUR/CE BY AIR POUCH FEBRUARY 7 AS REQUESTED PARA 2 REF A.

2. RE PARA 1 REF A, FOLLOWING ARE KEY PROVISIONS OF LETTER FROM AIR OFFICE DIRECTOR GULDIMANN TO EMBASSY AIR ATTACHE DATED MAY 8, 1974:

BEGIN TEXT . . .1. REGULATIONS FOR ALL FLIGHTS

11 - OVERFLIGHT OF SWITZERLAND WILL ONLY BE AUTHORIZED IF IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- THE AIRCRAFT WILL NOT BE ARMED OR EQUIPPED WITH RE-CONNAISSANCE INSTRUMENTS.
- THE AIRCRAFT WILL NOT TRANSPORT ANY ARMED MILITARY MAN OR ANYONE ENGAGED IN A MILITARY OPERATION AT THAT TIME (WOUNDED AND ILL INCLUDED).
- THE AIRCRAFT WILL NOT TRANSPORT ANY WAR MATERIEL SUCH

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AS DEFINED BY FEDERAL LAW OF 30 JUNE 72 AND FEDERAL COUNCIL

ORDER OF 10 JANUARY 73.

12 - THE CLEARANCE REQUESTS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY A STATEMENT AFFIRMING THAT THE AIRCRAFT ARE NOT ARMED OR EQUIPPED WITH RECONNAISSANCE INSTRUMENTS AND THAT THE AIRCRAFT ARE NOT TRANSPORTING ARMED MILITARY OR WAR MATERIEL, I.E., ARMS, AMMUNITION, OR EXPLOSIVES OF WAR.

2. MIXED PATIENT AIRLIFT - PASSENGERS/CARGO FLIGHTS

21 - IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PRACTICE ALREADY IN USE, WE ARE WILLING TO AUTHORIZE, AS BEFORE, SERIES OF MIXED FLIGHTS (EVACUATION/PASSENGERS/CARGO) FOR A ONE MONTH PERIOD - 28 OVERFLIGHTS PER MONTH.

22 - BESIDES THESE FLIGHTS, WE ARE ABLE TO AUTHORIZE OTHERS, IF A SEPARATE REQUEST IS SUBMITTED FOR THE PARTICULAR FLIGHT. THE TOTAL NUMBER (NOS. 21&22) OF ALL THE OVERFLIGHTS SHOULD NOT, HOWEVER, EXCEED 40 PER MONTH.

23 - THE OVERFLIGHTS AUTHORIZED BY SERIES WILL BE EXECUTED FROM OR WITH THE DESTINATION OF, FRANKFURT (RHEIN-MAIN) EXCEPT FOR THE MEDICAL EVACUATION ONES WHICH GO TO RAMSTEIN.

24 - OVERFLIGHT CLEARANCE REQUESTS MAY BE MADE FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE MONTHS AND SHOULD CONTAIN:

241. TWO COPIES OF THE "MIXED PATIENTS-PASSENGERS/CARGO FLIGHT SCHEDULE" OF THE USAF FOR EUROPE, AFRICA AND MIDDLE-EAST.

242. FIVE COPIES OF THIS LIST CONTAINING 84 OVERFLIGHTS, 28 PER MONTH

27 - IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT THESE REGULATIONS FUNCTION PROPERLY, THE SWISS AUTHORITIES RESERVE THE RIGHT TO INITIATE APPROPRIATE VERIFYING PROCEDURES, EVEN OUTSIDE OF SWISS TERRITORY. AMERICAN AUTHORITIES WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO FACILITATE SUCH PROCEDURES.

28 - THE SWISS AUTHORITIES MAY, AT ANY TIME, AND WITHOUT EXPLANATIONS, ANNUL ALL OR PART OF THE PRESENT REGULATIONS. SUCH A MEASURE WOULD NOTABLY BE TAKEN IN THE CASE OF TENSION OR INTERNATIONAL CONFLICTS.

3. EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION FLIGHTS, VIP FLIGHTS, AND OTHER FLIGHTS

31 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION FLIGHTS, VIP FLIGHTS, AND OTHER FLIGHTS MAY BE AUTHORIZED FOR MORE THAN THE QUOTA PROVIDED FOR IN NOS. 21&22.

33 - FOR VIP FLIGHTS AND OTHER FLIGHTS, IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO APPLY THE FORMAL PROCEDURES INDICATED IN THE SWISS AIP UNDER FAL 1.2.3. AND 1.2.5.END TEXT.

3. FOLLOWING ARE KEY PROVISIONS OF AIR ATTACHE REPLY

DATED JULY 24, 1974, AS AUTHORIZED BY STATE 133081:

BEGIN TEXT: I HAVE BEEN AUTHORIZED TO INFORM YOU THAT THE ARRANGEMENT CONCERNING OVERFLIGHT OF SWITZERLAND BY UNITED STATES AIR FORCE AIRCRAFT SET FORTH IN YOUR LETTER OF 7 MAY

1974, IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE UNITED STATES. CONCERNING
APPROPRIATE VERIFICATION PROCEDURES UNDER PARAGRAPH 27, IT
IS OUR UNDERSTANDING FROM PAST DISCUSSION THAT ANY SUCH
VERIFICATION PROCEDURES WOULD BE CONDUCTED ON AN AD HOC
BASIS UNDER TERMS MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TO THE FEDERAL AIR
OFFICE AND THE UNITED STATES AIR FORCE. AS TO POSSIBLE
PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF THE ARRANGEMENT, IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT
ANY ACT OF VERIFICATION SHALL NOT GIVE THE APPEARANCE OF AN
INSPECTION. THE ARRANGEMENT SHALL BE CONFIDENTIAL AND SHALL
NOT BE DISCLOSED TO THE PUBLIC OR TO THIRD PARTIES. . .
END TEXT.
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